

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/525,449
Applicant : Isabelle Poquet et al. Confirmation No : 3827
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Customer No. : 35161
For : ZINC-REGULATED PROKARYOTIC EXPRESSION
CASSETTES

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION
REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§121 AND 372**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 372,
Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute claims 12-21, drawn to an expression
cassette comprising a bacterial promoter with a binding site for the *Lactococcus lactis*
ZitR protein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.